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Main Entry: **in·cu·bate**

Pronunciation: 'ɪŋkya,bāt, 'ɪnk-, usu -ād.+V

Function: *verb*

Inflected Form(s): **-ed/-ing/-s**

Etymology: Latin *incubatus*, past participle of *incubare* to lie upon, hatch, from *in-*<sup>2</sup>*in-* + *cubare* to lie down, lie upon -- more at HIP

*transitive verb*

**1** : to sit upon (eggs) so as to hatch by the warmth of the body in the manner of most birds : **BROOD**

**2** : to maintain (as eggs, embryos of animals, or bacteria) under prescribed and usually controlled conditions (as of temperature and moisture) favorable for hatching or development especially in an incubator

**3** : to maintain (a chemically active system) under controlled conditions for the development of a reaction

**4** : to cause to develop : give form and substance to <*incubated* the new idea for a while before giving it to his supervisor>

*intransitive verb*

**1** : to sit on eggs : **BROOD**

**2** : to undergo incubation <the cultures must *incubate* for five more days>

**3** : to acquire form and substance : **DEVELOP** <the plan *incubated* slowly on his nightly walks from work>

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**EXHIBIT A**